Name of the Bank	2002	2003	2004
Vijaya Bank	373	206	100
State Bank of India	6810	6183	5442
State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur	342	282	107
State Bank of Hyderabad	417	315	77
State Bank of Indore	153	138	0
State Bank of Mysore	362	273	186
State Bank of Patiala	255	161	0
State Bank of Saurashtra	294	164	0
State Bank of Travancore	425	280	154
TOTAL (Public Sector Banks)	27958	24963	18852

Closure of loss making rural branches of banks

†4240. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of rural branches of Public Sector Banks running into losses in the National Capital Region of Delhi;

(b) whether Government propose to close down the branches which are running into losses; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) As on 31st March 2004, no rural branch of public sector banks of Delhi region has incurred any loss.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Operation of Senior Citizens Savings Scheme in Karnataka

4241. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Senior Citizens Savings Scheme is being implemented in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the number of senior citizens who invested in this Senior Citizens Savings Scheme;

(c) the amount so far invested under this scheme; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) whether there is any proposal to lower the eligibility age under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) 23,347 accounts have been opened under the scheme, in post offices, in the State of Karnataka wherein an amount of rupees 689.38 crore has been deposited upto March 31, 2005.

(d) No, Sir.

Collection of taxes/excise duty on tobacco products

4242. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the total taxes or excise duties collected on all tobacco products in the last three years respectively;

(b) the break-up of such figures for the five major products;

(c) whether revenue or health is the criteria in fixing such taxes or their rates; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Separate revenue collection data from five major products is not maintained. Such data is maintained under four budget heads. Total revenue collection from tobacco products during last three years in respect of these categories is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Revenue consideration as well as the fact that tobacco products are health hazard goods, are relevant for raising taxes from this sector. In the 2005-06 budget,a surcharge has been imposed on a number of tobacco products for financing the National Rural Health Mission.